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Honorable Sam Nunn  
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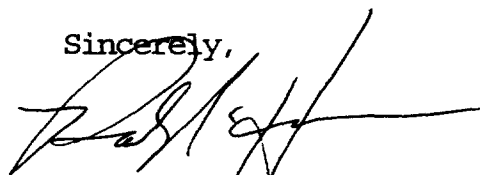
Dear Senator Nunn:

This is in reply to your letter of March 18, 1994, on behalf of your constituent Mr. Maitland R. Wells. Mr. Wells is concerned about whether the Commission will set aside portions of the spectrum specifically for women and minority-owned small businesses and rural telephone companies, as it implements the competitive bidding provisions of the recently enacted Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA). Your letter was referred to me as Chief of the Personal Communications Systems (PCS) Task Force for the Commission.

On March 8, 1994, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in Docket No. 93-253. That proceeding established a general menu of tools designed to assist small businesses, businesses owned by minority groups and women, and rural telephone companies, entities identified by the Congress as requiring special consideration by the Commission (the "designated entities").

Although the Commission stated that it would, in appropriate circumstances, set aside certain blocks of spectrum for which only designated entities could apply, it indicated that it would address set-asides in subsequent orders that relate to specific services, such as broad band PCS. This measure will further Congress' objective of promoting economic opportunity and competition by disseminating licenses among a wide variety of applicants, including the designated entities.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, PCS Task Force

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March 18, 1994

Ms. Laura J. Belvin, Acting Director  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belvin:

I recently received the enclosed inquiry from one of my constituents. Please review the matter thoroughly, in accordance with established policies and procedures, and provide me with a full report.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

Enclosure

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Message: See Attached Letter

Maitland R. Wells  
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February 21, 1994

Senator Carol Mosley-Braun  
Washington, DC

VIA FAX

Dear Senator Mosley-Braun,

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act enacted on Communications Commission to use competitive bidding Services (PCS) licenses. The Act contained provisions specifically for a women and minority small business and rural

August 10, 1993, authorized the Federal procedures to award Personal Communications or a portion of the spectrum to be allocated al tele set aside preference program.

The set aside program offers this group its only hope of being and the only possibility of participating in the projected \$200

common time in the anticipated bidding process billion Information Super Highway industry

It has been brought to my attention by contacts in the Federal for big business have initiated an intense campaign to eliminate the Act

Communications Commission that lobby set all the small business set aside provisions of

If they are successful in their efforts, it would violate the left preventing participation in this industry by women and minority. Other negative consequences would be:

and the very spirit of the Act, that ty owned small businesses and rural telecom

1. Reduced competition in the industry;
2. Reduced funds derived from the auction;
3. Increased cost of services to the consumer;
4. Reduction in the innovative usage of the spectrum;
5. The interests of women, minority and rural groups will not be represented

Today, small business is the backbone of the U.S. economy highest percentage of new jobs during the past fifteen years future. Another issue to be considered is that while minorities less than 1% of FCC licenses. Although I have no hard statistics, it is reasonable to believe that women are equally discriminated against in this industry. Women and minorities represent the majority of the voting public, and you should therefore pay particular attention to protecting their interests.

Small businesses have created, by far the and will continue to do so in the foreseeable represent 20% of the population they control

Please do not let big business once again circumvent the consumers and other less influential segments of the population prevented from enjoying the benefits derived from this or group for no other reason than to satisfy the greed of big business

spirit and letter of the law to the detriment of tion. It would be tragic if consumers were ative, energetic, competitive and responsible

Sincerely,  
Maitland R. Wells  
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All Committee members